**Redditch Town Deal Board**

**Minutes**

**Friday 31st July 2020**

**10:30 – 12:30pm**

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies:

Leigh Walton - Vice Chair

Simon Hyde – Faun Zoeller

Simon Geraghty – Leader WCC

Tim Martin – WMCA

Julia Breakwell – HoW College

Minute taking: Lyndsey Berry (NWedR)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

* Board members agreed the previous minute

1. External support – Overview of TD Coordinator meeting

OP & LB gave an overview of a successful meeting with Rebecca Collings, Redditch Town Coordinator. Rebecca discussed the various measures offered to Redditch from government which include online digital content through the Towns Fund website and bespoke support. [www.townsfund.org.uk](http://www.townsfund.org.uk)

Rebecca will be available to attend meetings of the Town Board when required and will also meet with NWEDR on a regular basis to discuss the progress of the TIP. Next meeting will be held early Sept.

1. Accelerated Fund Options

Redditch has been awarded £1million capital grant from the Accelerated Fund which has to be spent by the end of the financial year. The board discussed the difficulty of the time restrictions and what could realistically be achieved by the end of March 2021. Any option put forward would need to show a clear link with interventions to be included within the Town Investment Plan, options included land acquisition on key regeneration sites across the town centre, public realm enhancements, concept design work and demolition works. The board agreed for Officers to progress a combined option of land acquisition and public realm enhancements. Submission to government will need to be made by the 14th August.

1. AOB
2. Date of Next Meeting – Friday 21st August , 11am